



BALLROOM BY THE BAY

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MARCH MADNESS

On Saturday, March 19th, Bellingham Ballroom Dancers monthly event will begin with a cha cha lesson at 7:00 PM followed by the dance party from 8:00 to 10:00 PM. March Madness is the theme, which you can interpret any way you wish! Come out and enjoy an enjoyable evening of dancing with fun and friendly people. Our lesson and music this month are courtesy of Philip Ring.

On Friday, March 25th, the club will be making a group trip to Harrison Hot Springs BC for dinner and dancing with the Jones Boys. If you would like to join us, please contact Cathy Chambers or Philip Ring at 360-647-5667 for dinner reservations. If you wish to stay overnight, we recommend harrisonresort.com for accommodations.

TRADITIONAL JAZZ AT THE VFW

By Kris and Sue Ungern



For the last several years we have enjoyed listening and dancing to live jazz bands at the VFW Hall. The venue offers good sight lines and acoustics as well as a large wooden dance floor. Each month features a different jazz band, often composed of musicians who have played together for many years at various venues throughout the Northwest and Canada, some of whom are very familiar to USA Dance members.

Although the music lends itself to fast foxtrots and swing, we have also been able to do slow dances and nightclub two-step. Typical of traditional jazz, many of the musical numbers are lengthy and tend to increase in tempo as they go along, which provides variety and allows us to change the type of dance and style during each song. As ballroom dancers, we have been made to feel very welcome by the long-time members of the Bellingham Traditional Jazz Society.

The events are held on the first Saturday of each month between 2-5 PM. Cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Snacks are available by donation and the bar serves drinks at reasonable prices. The Hall is located at 625 N. State Street.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEXT BALLROOM DANCE:

March Madness

Saturday March 19th. Cha cha lesson 7-8 p.m.
General Dancing 8 -10 p.m.



UPCOMING DANCING OPPORTUNITIES

ARGENTINE TANGO DANCES

2nd Saturday of each month

Squalicum Yacht Club, 8 pm

APRIL AND MAY USA DANCE BALLROOM DANCE

Saturday, April 16th, Blue Moon Ballroom

Saturday, May 21st, Blue Moon Ballroom

APRIL BELLINGHAM TRADITIONAL JAZZ SOCIETY DANCE SWING DANCE

Saturday, April 2nd, VFW Hall 625 N State Street
2-5 PM

BOB STORMS 3RD ANNUAL JAZZ CONCERT

Monday, March 21, First Baptist Church, 7-10 PM
Features the Saltwater Octet

BLUE MOON BALLROOM- BELLINGHAM

Open dance every Saturday evening at 1213 Cornwall.
See their website for lessons and special events:
www.thebluemoonballroom.com or call 360- 647-9778.

HARRISON HOT SPRINGS RESORT, BC CANADA

Dine and Dance to the Jones Boys in the Copper Room Tuesday through Saturday. Ballroom dancing for the price of dinner, only 90 minutes from Bellingham. www.harrisonresort.com for reservations at the hotel and package specials.

Traditional Jazz at the VFW...Continued from page 1

The Bellingham Traditional Jazz Society is dedicated to promoting and supporting traditional jazz, swing, ragtime and blues music. The annual club membership costs \$21 per couple and includes a subscription to the monthly newsletter *Jazz Me News*. Since the society is always trying to increase its membership, we have joined the society and encourage other ballroom dancers to become members to keep the tradition alive. Further information about the society and upcoming events can be found at their website www.btjs.webs.com.

Laguna Blu

By Philip Ring

On January 13, 2011 we had a USA Dance excursion to Laguna Blu Restaurant, Vancouver BC, Canada.



Sylvia & Philip, Sam & Rosemary



Ann, Wayne, Rosemary, Sam, Sylvia, Hope (behind La Donna), LaDonna, Skeeter, and Jeannie. (and Philip's dinner - Philip taking the photo ; -)

We arrived at 7PM and discovered that we had the whole restaurant to ourselves! We had a dedicated chef, a waiter and a manager all devoted to our enjoyment.

The food was superb, and the dance floor was huge!!! The music was great. It was from a music system, as their musicians were on a boat cruise.

All ten of us ate, drank and danced the night away! The manager explained to us that the first two weeks of January are slow for the restaurant crowd due to Christmas celebrations in December.

So next time our USA Dance Group goes to Vancouver to The Laguna Blu, join us and have some fun, and enjoy the spacious dance floor.



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DANCE HER BY ME (ONE MORE TIME)

By Danny Walfe

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Dance her by me one more time
The girl you're with, used to be mine
I'll try to smile when you dance by
I don't want her see me cry

In the heart that you now know
Lives a mem'ry of long ago
So for a fool that was so blind
Please dance her by me, one more time.

Until she was gone I never knew how to cry
Oh I was so wrong to ever say goodbye
Though I lost the one you love
She's still the girl that I dream of
So for a fool that was so blind
Please dance her by me, one more time.

Artist And Dancer

Kathy Johnson

Did you notice the lovely art in the December newsletter, a painting of several ballroom dancers? That work as well as the one here to the right is by Seattle artist Kathy Johnson.

In the last several years, her artistic expression has also involved dance. Combining an artistic talent and passion for dance has resulted in some recent figure paintings – including Seattle area dancers. Though faceless, these dancers are recognizable by body type....as they move through various ballroom steps. In fact Kathy herself is depicted being 'dipped' in the upper right corner!

Kathy's favorite dance organizations and venues in the Seattle area include Northwest Dance Network, Waltz Etc, Dance for Joy, Sonny Newman's Dance Hall, Dance Underground and Century Ballroom.

As a watercolorist and an architectural color consultant, Kathy is now expanding her media to include acrylic painting as well. To see more of her art or buy prints, check out her website: www.studiobythesound.com



"King of Swing" Buddy Schwimmer Returns to Seattle for the 27th annual NW Dance Extravaganza---Workshops on Saturday April 16th, Extravaganza on Sunday April 17th at the Nile Country Club.

Indeed! The "King of Swing" himself, returns to Seattle as part of the NW Dance Extravaganza. So, if Buddy is the King of Swing, that would certainly make his famous son, Benji Schwimmer the "Prince of Swing". And, if that's the case, daughter Lacy Schwimmer, Professional on "Dancing with the Stars" would certainly be the "Princess of Swing" Buddy's workshops will be in West Coast Swing and Nightclub Two Step, and will be held at Shoreline's Dance Experience. \$70 Early Bird (ringside) dinner tickets are now available.

Event Websites

<http://nwdanceextravaganza.com>

<http://seattlescrystalball.com>

Bellingham Ballroom Dancers February 2011

The Ladies were in Red

The Men in Black

The band was fabulous and they'll be back!



Upcoming Dances

April in Paris,
April 16th



Prom Night, May 21st
Live Band!
NAPU from Seattle

Tango Dance

Every Second Saturday



Ballroom Dance

Every Third Saturday

Blue Moon Ballroom

1213 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham



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